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**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY
FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated next to my name,

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **APPARATUS FOR PUNCHING, STAMPING AND/OR SHAPING FLAT ELEMENTS**, which in turn is based on International application No. PCT/EP2003/11287, dated October 11, 2003 which in turn is based on German applications No's, DE 102 48 859.2, dated October 18, 2002 and DE 103 37 864.2, dated August 18, 2003 the specification of which is attached hereto.

was filed on as application Serial No. and was
amended on

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 and/or §371 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s)			Priority Claimed	
<u>PCT/EP2003/11287</u> (Number)	<u>International</u> (Country)	<u>11/10/2003</u> (Day/Month/Year Filed)	<u>XX</u> Yes	<u> </u> No
<u>DE 102 48 859.2</u> (Number)	<u>Germany</u> (Country)	<u>18/10/2002</u> (Day/Month/Year Filed)	<u>XX</u> Yes	<u> </u> No
<u>DE 103 37 864.2</u> (Number)	<u>Germany</u> (Country)	<u>18/08/2003</u> (Day/Month/Year Filed)	<u>XX</u> Yes	<u> </u> No

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